

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

A PROFOUND MYSTERY: WEEK 3

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to southeastchristian.org to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

The Gospels tell us that Jesus had a way of speaking that attracted the “tax collectors and sinners.” What do you think it was that drew these people to Him? How did His words and His ways offer them a better kind of life? How does the Gospel still hold out that very same hope today? In what ways does Jesus hold out a better view way of marriage (and singleness) than the one our culture offers today?

Read Luke 15:11-16. What are some of the “distant countries” people chase after today? As you think back over your own life, have any of these pursuits been particularly tempting to you? What did you find when you chased after those things? How did the “distant country” fail to deliver?

What are some “distant countries” we try to chase after when it comes to marriage and relationships? Why do we think these things will make us happy or lead us to satisfaction? How does God’s Word speak into these things? What is the biblical response to these temptations?

Read Luke 15:17-24. Matt talked about three steps we need to take in order to come back: Stop, Run, and Receive. In your opinion, which of these steps is the hardest to do? Why? Why is it so easy for us to convince ourselves that we can’t come back or the Father won’t want us back? How do we overcome that lie?

Think about the Father’s response to the prodigal son. What stands out to you about it? How do we see the Father’s grace in every action? What does this tell us about how our Father responds to us when we come back to Him? What would this kind of grace look like in a marriage (or in a family)?

Read Luke 15:25-32. How had the older brother completely missed the point of living in the father’s house? What does it look like for a person to be close to His principles without being close to His presence? How can we guard our hearts (and marriages) against that mindset?